

Docket No.: 016762.085-US01
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: July 6, 2000

Examiner: W. Fridie

For: CARD WITH INCREASED GRIPABILITY

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is one set (five sheets, Figures 1-2, 3A-3B, 4A-4C, and 5A-5C) of formal drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application. Kindly substitute the enclosed formal drawings for the informal drawings submitted with the originally filed application. The application number, group art unit and attorney docket number appear on the back of each sheet. Acknowledgement of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account 50-0740 referencing docket number 016762.085-US01.

Dated: March 27, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)

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The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.

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REMARKS

**Re: Appl. No. 09/611,320; Filed: July 6, 2000; Atty Docket:
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Further to my conversation today with Examiner Fridie (Art Unit 3722), attached is a copy of the following documents filed on and received by the PTO on March 27, 2002:

1. Date stamped postcard acknowledging receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 27, 2002;
2. Date stamped transmittal letter acknowledging receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 27, 2002;
3. Amendment transmittal letter;
4. Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116; and
5. Submission of Formal Drawings and five sheets of drawings.

Entry of the above-listed documents into the file for Appl. No. 09/611,320 with a filing date of March 27, 2002 is respectfully requested.

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PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
2. Amendment Transmittal Letter (showing calculation of claims);
3. Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116;
4. Submission of Formal Drawings;
5. Five (5) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2, 3A-3B, 4A-4C, and 5A-5B)
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Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Order No. 016762.085-US01. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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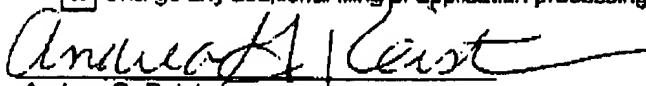
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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